

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Executive Session

July 19, 1989

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, June 19, 1989, at 2:00 p.m., in Jackson, MS, to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary to discuss legal matters at Mississippi Valley State University, and Jackson State University. Members present were Nan McGahey Baker, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Joe A. Haynes, Will A. Hickman, J. Marlin Ivey, William M. Jones, James W. Luvene, Diane Miller, Cass Pennington, and Sidney L. Rushing.

On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Crosthwait, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, July 19, 1989 that an executive session was necessary in order to hear a report concerning the purchase of parcels of land for the new dormitory project at Jackson State University and an update on the continuing investigation of alleged misappropriation of funds at Mississippi Valley State University.

The Board heard a report from Dr. William Sutton on the continuing investigation of the misappropriation of funds at Mississippi Valley State University. The University has taken all proper steps to notify the authorities and the investigation is in their hands. The implicated employee is no longer employee at Mississippi Valley State University.

The Board heard a report from Mitzi Dease, Special Assistant Attorney General, regarding eminent domain proceedings at Jackson State University. Attorneys present were Mitzi Dease, Rickey Moore, and Suzanne Smith. University officials present were Dr. James A. Hefner, Mr. Marvel Turner, Dr. Everette Witherspoon and Mr. Valmore Nelson. Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Ms. Ann Homer Cook, Associate Commissioner were also present.

On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Crosthwait, the Board voted unanimously to request that the Attorney General's office take such action as is necessary, including eminent domain in the proper name, to acquire necessary dormitory project property. Voting in favor of the motion were Nan McGahey Baker, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Joe A. Haynes, Will A. Hickman, J. Marlin Ivey, William M. Jones, James W. Luvene, Diane Miller, Cass Pennington, and Sidney L. Rushing.

On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Crosthwait, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, July 19, 1989, to return to open session.

COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT